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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 08 March 2004 (08.03.2004)	Date of completion of this report 08 June 2004 (08.06.2004)
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages _____ 1, 3-13 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 2, 2a _____, filed with the letter of _____ 27 May 2004 (27.05.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
 pages _____ 5-12 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 1-3 / 4 _____, filed with the letter of _____ 4.3.04 / 27.5.04
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages _____ 1 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. This report refers to the following document:

D1: US-A-5 736 960 (MURPHY JOHN H ET AL.) 7 April 1998 (1998-04-07)

2. D1 discloses a satellite-based navigation method (GPS) for determining the position of a receiver by detecting the signal propagation time between satellites and the receiver (cf. column 2, line 39 to column 3, line 6), the receiver having a precision time reference (cf. precision clock 19, column 4, lines 4-6).

3. The subject matter of claims 1 to 12 differs *inter alia* in the features indicated in lines 7 (following "wherein") to 13 of claim 1 and in the characterizing part of claim 2. The subject matter of these claims is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

4. The subject matter of claims 1 to 12 relates to the problem of determining the reliability of signal propagation times from the GPS satellites, which can be vitiated, for example, by reflection. None of the search report citations makes any reference to this problem.

Claims 1 and 2 give different solutions to this problem. Claim 1 relates to the use of the reception time as test criterion, whereas in claim 2 the position determined represents the test criterion. Neither of the two solutions is known from the documents cited in the search report.

The subject matter of claims 1 to 12 therefore meets the requirements of inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

5. The subject matter of claims 1 to 12 also meets the requirements of industrial applicability under PCT Article 33(4).